Winston Salem, N. C. Dispatch
January 19, 1941

Annual Y. W. C. A. Meet Slated Tuesday Night

The annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. will be held Tuesday, January 21, at 8:30 p.m. The theme this year is vocations for Negro women and the idea will be carried out very much like the annual meeting of last year when "go to college" was stressed and tables for the various colleges represented in the community were attractively arranged.

This year the various vocations are being represented by tables for that particular vocation. The interest in the coming annual meeting is exceedingly gratifying, states the executive secretary, Mrs. J. L. Maxwell. In selecting the theme "Negro Women and Vocations," many suggestions pertaining to unusual vocations that have been entered by women and girls of the race, have made it very necessary for accurate research. Neighboring communities have been approached for personnel and much information, regarding personalities in extraordinary vocations has been secured.

The following are some of the hostesses for the evening and the vocations they will represent: Miss Ruth Hawkins and Mrs. Georgianna Alston will represent household arts; Mrs. W. A. Jones, dressmaking; Mrs. Thornie Mae White, industry; Miss Lucy Bradshaw and Mrs. Lemuel Boulware, saleslades; Miss Eleanor Carter, traveler's aid; Mrs. E. T. Hill, insurance; Miss Sallie Lash, fine arts; chauffeuresses, Mrs. Elmo Moore; Mrs. Mary Russell and Mrs. Ernestine Johnson, morticians; Miss Annie Wellman, cleaners; Miss R. E. Diggs, journalism; Mrs. Loretha Hunter, elevator operators; Mrs. Maxwell Grier, horticulture; Mrs. Naomi McLean Williams, public stenographers.

Ballots have been mailed. The following are nominees: Mesdames Edna Fitch, Edna Brown, J. S. Fitts, J. C. Gray, Viola Washington, Maxwell Grier, P. E. Hairston, M. G. Williams, Arneize F. Ramseur, Miss Juanita Phillips, Sally Lash, and Gwendolyn Scales.

Mrs. J. H. Kyles is retiring after serving a six-year term, and Mrs. Etta T. Hill has completed a three-year term, but will retire also. Mrs. Jessie Andrews has also served a three-year term, but is eligible for re-election for a second term. Mrs. P. B. Washington and Mrs. N. L. Taylor are resigning.

The educational committee and publicity committee led by Mrs. F. T. Reynolds and Miss L. A. Williams have so designed the annual meeting and dinner that informal questions and answers will be the order of the evening. In keeping with the philosophy of the Y. W. C. A., the thinking of women and girls is constantly steered into constructive and satisfactory channels of self-support.

An invitation is extended to the men of the community to share this experience. It will give them a good chance to get a concrete picture of the achievements of our women and to also get the spirit of their future ambitions.

To the community at large, it is the only time of the whole year, when the branch can evaluate the preceding year's program and build the new plan. The community has its chance also to do some evaluating, and to measure the achievements and needs, by the community interest and support.

Some of the members of the steering committee who are making plans for the Y. W. C. A. annual banquet on Tuesday night, January 21, at 8:30 are shown above. Left to right on the first row are Miss E. L. Carter, Mrs. B. G. Robinson and Mrs. T. M. White. On the second row are, left to right, Mrs. L. R. Boulware, Mrs. J. L. Maxwell, Mrs. Georgiana Alston, Mrs. N. C. Williams. On the back row, left to right, are Miss L. S. Bradshaw, Mrs. E. F. Moore, and Mrs. M. G. Williams.

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YWCA LEADERS OF BOTH RACES HOLD WEEKLY FORUM HERE

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Invite Public to Hear Timely Discussions at 211 Seventh Avenue, North

Members of both the white and colored branches of the Young Women's Christian Association are again cooperating in carrying on conducting an interracial forum, similar to the one held last year.

The forum is held in the white Y. M. C. A. building, located at 211 Seventh Ave., N. The meetings are usually well attended and quite beneficial, in that Christian leaders of both races discuss freely problems that affect this community. Persons of both races interested in better race relationship and civic improvement as well as an intelligent understanding of national and international affairs are invited to attend the meetings.

The weekly meetings of the forum are held Monday afternoon, from 3:30 to 5 o'clock. Next Monday the subject for discussion will be "Strengthening the Nation from Within." The speakers will be Messrs. S. L. Gandy, Walter Parks, Robert Koo and Miss Ruth Driver. Mrs. Charles [illegible] will preside. Mrs. A. N. Johnson is the chairman of the publicity committee representing the Blue Triangle Y. W. C. A. Both men and women are invited to attend the meetings.

Chattanooga, Tenn. Daily Times
March [illegible] 1941

COLORED Y.W.C.A. PLANS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The annual membership drive of the Phillis Wheatley branch, Y. W. C. A., begins today at a meeting at 3:30 p.m., when workers will receive instructions, at the branch.

All sections of the city will be canvassed over a period which ends March 26, and prizes will be awarded to persons "turning in the largest number of memberships over twenty-five," according to announcement issued yesterday by the executive secretary.

Regular membership fee is $1, and sustaining memberships are $5.

The Girls' Reserve department opened their campaign for 1,000 members last week in an effort to raise funds for a summer camp and to finance volunteer workers at summer training schools. Their drive ends at the same time that the general membership campaign is concluded.

Work on the old Trimble home, East Eighth street at Magnolia, being conditioned for headquarters for the Wheatley branch, is nearing completion, and date of formal opening will be announced in a few days, according to the management.

Miami, Fla. Herald
May 15, 1941

YOU read in Monday's Herald of the plans for establishment of a YWCA recreation and vocational center for negroes, sponsored by the downtown Miami Young Women's Christian Association.

The project is being financed by the city, the YW and other agencies, but the negro community has organized itself to raise $6,000 to contribute to the cost. They had a mass meeting out in negro town the other night, and Dr. R. M. Lee, president of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes at Tallahassee, came down to deliver the address of the evening.

When he had completed a rousing speech, the hat was passed and $600 was contributed on the spot. Ten per cent of the $6,000 goal in one evening is right good giving, and white town would be proud itself of such a record.

Richmond, Va. News Leader
January 8, 1941

Negro Study Body Meets

2 More Sessions Are Scheduled Tonight

Two sessions this evening mark the second day of the Institute to Study Workers' Education being sponsored here by the Industrial and Public Affairs Committee of the Phyllis Wheatley Branch of the Y. W. C. A. through Friday. The program today begins with a conference banquet from 5:30 to 7 P. M. at the branch building. Miss Lillian Hill will serve as chairman. Miss Sadie Plantz, Industrial Council of Central Y. W. C. A., will discuss "Why Industrial Girls Are Interested in Workers' Education." Guest speaker for this session will be Miss Grace Mathews, who will present the subject "Negro Youth Looks at Workers' Education."

An introduction of stunts and skits from seven industrial clubs, under the direction of Miss Olga Wingfield, entitled "Old Doctor Pepper and His Family," will be an entertainment feature of the program. The banquet is under the auspices of the Tri-State Industrial Girls' Conference.

The night session will be held at Leigh Street M. E. Church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, with Dr. Henry J. McGuinn serving as master of ceremonies. A panel discussion will be led by R. O'Hara Lanier, dean of instruction, Hampton Institute, on the subject "The Position of the NYA Worker in the World Today." This will be followed with a similar discussion of the WPA worker, led by Mrs. Florence Korr, national director of P. & S. projects under WPA.

Wiley A. Hall, executive secretary, Richmond Urban League, will discuss "National Defense and the Richmond Community," while Dr. Robert C. Weaver, administrative assistant, advisory council, National Defense Commission, will close the panel with a discussion of "National Defense and the Industrial Worker."

The initial meeting was held last night at Leigh Street M. E. Church. Mrs. Marie Allen served as chairman; devotionals were conducted by Miss Laura McFall, branch executive secretary, with music being furnished by the Industrial Chorus, led by Mrs. Lillie Epps. An address of welcome was made by Mrs. Clarissa Dillard, chairman of the committee of management and greetings were extended by Miss Alma Johnston, general secretary, Central Y. W. C. A., and Mrs. Lois Johnson, president of the Industrial Girls' Intercouncil.

A panel discussion followed under the leadership of Rev. Oscar Lee, with the first speaker being Mrs. Jean Collier Brown, expert on labor legislation of the national board of the Y. W. C. A. Her subject was 'The Household Employe Takes Her Place in the World Today." Next came a discussion of "The Beauty Operator Takes Her Place in the World Today," led by Mrs. Cordelia Green Johnson, of Jersey City, N. J., president National Beauty Culturist League. "The Factory Worker Takes Her Place in the World Today" was the theme of a paper prepared by Dr. James E. Jackson, of the tobacco workers' organizing committee of the CIO.

Miami, Fla. Herald
June 8, 1941

Negro Center: Is Not a Gift

Editor The Herald: For years the littered streets of the negro "ghetto" of Miami (one of the worst slum areas of the South) have served as the only playgrounds available to the negro youth of our community.

Therefore, the news that the local Y. W. C. A. has undertaken to erect a negro youth center is more than welcomed by the negro people.

This fact, however, must be recognized: That the youth center is not a "gift" to the negro people from their charitable white brothers across the tracks. Rather, it is something to which the negro people, as human beings, are justly entitled.

Despite the fact that the Y. W. C. A. has undertaken to build the center, and that the city has promised to take care of the labor costs, the negro community nevertheless pledged itself to raise the substantial sum of $6,000 to help finance this project.

It is to be hoped that the building of this center will be the first in a series of much needed social and civic projects in behalf of the negroes of Miami.

LEWIS D. McGRAW.

Roanoke, Va. Times-News
February 6, 1941

Here Are Roanoke's First Colored Girl Scouts

Members of the first colored Girl Scout troops in Roanoke—Troops 34 and 35—are pictured above at Lucy Addison high school where they met yesterday afternoon. They are, front row, left to right—Mrs. L. C. Downing, A. D. Cundiff, leader; Lavern Craghead, Virginia Johnson, Evelyn Adams, Evelyn Craghead, leader, and S. V. Lawson, leader; second row—Annie Dean, Muriel Traynham, Cleo Dodd, Mary Louise Macklin, Gloria Wade, Sally Hawkins and Mary Board; third row—Josephine Mayo, Betty Coles, Juanita Cannaday, Irisher Mack, Phyllis Johnson, Esther White and Nathalea Hamler; back row—Ruth Chapman, Jeannette Eades, Elizabeth Dean and Vivian Williams. Not present for the picture were Gloria Moore, Gertie White, Althea Callaway, Bertha Granger, Stella Law, Dorothy Charlton, Pearl Turner and Dorothy Rucker.

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Roanoke, Va., World News
March 29, 1941

Negro Women Take Courses

Twenty-four negro women and 11 colored Girl Scouts received American Red Cross certificates and attendance cards last night for Red Cross courses in home hygiene and care of the sick, and nutrition, the latter sponsored jointly by the Roanoke county chapter of the American Red Cross and the Roanoke Tuberculosis association.

Presentation was made by Howard Hamilton, vice-chairman of the Red Cross chapter, while Miss Anna Seaburg, general secretary of the Y. W. C. A., spoke to the group at the ceremony held in Gilmer school. Present were Mrs. Sally Ann Kurka, Red Cross nutritionist and teacher of the nutrition course, and Miss Elsie Dyer, executive secretary of the tuberculosis association.

Women receiving certificates for completion of the nutrition course were: Mrs. Mary Curtis, Sallie English, Mrs. Josephine Redd, and Mrs. Nannie B. Smith. An attendance card was given to Mrs. Otelia Martin.

Women awarded the certificates in home hygiene and care of the sick were: Mrs. Evelyn Woodson, Mrs. Willie M. Williamson, Mrs. Hattie Taborn, Mrs. Martha Jones, Mrs. Anna Johnson, Mrs. Eva Johnson, Mrs. Augusta Hawkins, Mrs. Earnestine Hunt, Mrs. Edna Houston, Mrs. Pearl Henry, Mrs. Edna Hancock, Mrs. Thelma Hamilton, Mrs. Etta Hackley, Minnie Gill, Mrs. Irene Craig, Gladys Casey, Mrs. Mary Carter, Mrs. Jessie Brown, and Mrs. Neola Brown.

Five colored Girl Scouts who completed the nutrition course and received certificates were: Stella C. Law, Gertie White, Ester White, Juanita Cannaday, and Dorothy Charlton. Those receiving cards for attending 12 sessions of the course were: Mary Louise Macklin, Anna Mae Anderson, Iris Watkins, Roberta Baskett, Vivian Williams, and Phyllis Johnson.

Montgomery Ala., Advertiser
March 30, 1941

Sunrise Easter Service Is Outlined

The Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored for the 10th time by the Young Women's Christian Association and the Ministerial Association will be held in Cramton Bowl at six o'clock the morning of April 13. Mrs. R. R. Ellison, general chairman of the planning committee announces that plans are rapidly going forward to make this one of the most inspirational of the Easter worship services, and one in which every person present may participate.

A. C. Watson will lead the congregational singing of familiar hymns. Lanier High Band, under direction of Yale H. Ellis, will play accompaniment and for special music for the pageant. Trumpeters from the band will sound a clarion call to worship promptly at six o'clock.

The acapalla choir of State Teachers College has for the sixth time been asked to present number, and to lead the entire negro congregation in a negro spiritual.

Dr. E. A. Childs, pastor of Dexter Avenue Methodist Church, will deliver the Easter sermon. Dr. Donald C. MacGuire, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will give the opening prayer; Chaplain Harrison Brann of Maxwell Field, the scripture reading; and the Rev. Boyd Clayton, pastor First Christian Church, the closing prayer. August L. Johnston, executive secretary of the Y. M. C. A., member Baptist Church and president Ministerial Association, will preside.

A feature added again this year by popular request after having been omitted for the past two years, is that of formation of living cross on the hillside. This will be done by the Lanier Glee Club, singing an Easter hymn, under direction of Miss Anna Thomas.

Biblical pageant, directed by Mrs. A. H. Hadaway, will be presented on the hillside, which with its carpet of green, tall hedge in the background, improvised forest and tomb in the foreground, forms a perfect setting. Closely following the scripture reading, the story of the Resurrection will be unfolded in realistic and impressive solemnity, with characters taken by college girls, young people of church groups and of local fraternal order.

Boy Scouts will usher and Girl Reserves will hold placards of "Silence" just within the entrances to the bowl.

G. C. Dickey will set up amplifiers in order that the service may be heard in all parts of the bowl. Montgomery City Lines, Inc., has announced a special bus schedule leaving the ends of the Cloverdale, Capitol Heights, Day Street, Washington Park, South Jackson, Oak Park, Highland Avenue, Maxwell Field, Boylston and Cleveland Avenue at 5:30 a.m. with ample return service from bowl.

The sponsoring organizations extend to every citizen a cordial invitation to attend.

Nashville, Tenn. Banner
April 1, 1941

Publicity Drive Is Planned for Volunteer Bureau

Plans for a widespread publicity campaign were formed yesterday at the initial meeting of the Publicity Committee of the Nashville Central Volunteer Bureau. The bureau, under the direction of Mrs. James Todd, is scheduled to open its offices at the YWCA next Monday and begin registration of all volunteer workers.

Mrs. Albert Werthan, chairman of the Publicity Committee, and Mrs. Sydney Keeble, head of the Registration Delegation, called today's meeting at which it was decided to contact personally all organizations in the city which may need volunteer workers at any time in the future.

Members of the Publicity Committee present were Mrs. Justin Potter, Mrs. Bernard Fensterwald, Miss Luanna Bowles and Mrs. Werthan. From the group on registration were Mrs. Austin Wilson, Dr. Walter Stone, Mrs. Ruth Moore and Mrs. Keeble.

Members of the registration and publicity committees of the Negro division reported that their registration office will also be opened Monday at the Negro branch of the YWCA.

Mrs. Todd, who has done extensive social work before moving to Nashville about a year ago, will be permanently in charge of interviewing applicants and placing them in suitable occupations.

Durham, N. C., Morning Herald
June 12, 1941

SCHOOL BEING PLANNED BY NEGRO GIRL SCOUTS

Beginning this morning at 8 o'clock the Negro Girl Scout Council will conduct a school for those interested in scouting with Emma Butler in charge. Sixty-three girls have already registered for the school which will last four weeks with a program of two days each week.

The school is being financed by the funds obtained during the cookie sale. Negro Girl Scouts sold 1,300 boxes of cookies in the city.

Miami, Fla. Herald
May 12, 1941

Negro Youth Center

ONE OF THE most worthy projects yet launched in Miami is the Negro Youth center being sponsored by the Miami Young Women's Christian Association in the heart of the worst slum areas of the city.

For more than two years the YWCA group has realized the necessity of providing recreational and vocational opportunities for negro youth.

They enlisted co-operation of the city commission, which has dedicated the east end of Dixie park in negro town for a building, and has agreed to fence it in. The YWCA has assumed responsibility for acquiring building materials, furnishing the structure, and installing a salaried staff to administer the program. They are asking the city to pay for labor.

In addition, the YW's committee has engaged the interest and enthusiasm of the negro community to such degree that it is organizing its own campaign to raise $6,000 towards cost of setting up the facilities for a center.

Dr. T. L. Lowrie, K. L. Pharr and other leaders of the negro race are heading up the movement. Negro women are being mobilized for the campaign by Mildred Jackson, general secretary of the negro YWCA. From the board of the Miami YW, Mrs. Dales James, Mrs. Byron Freeland and E. B. Douglas are co-operating in the projected drive.

The white community may regard $6,000 as a negligible sum to campaign for, but out in our negro town, it is a towering amount. All the loyalty and enthusiasm and spirit of sacrifice the negroes have will have to be called on to raise it.

It is an enterprise that deserves the friendly and sympathetic interest of the entire community.

Columbia, S. C. State
May 4, 1941

Girl Scout Leader Will Visit Columbia

Mrs. R. G. Bell, program chairman of Richland County Girl Scouts, announced yesterday that Mrs. Cecile Hardy, safety and health advisor from national council of Girl Scouts, New York City, would be in Columbia, May 9 and 10 to confer with local Scout workers.

While here Mrs. Hardy is scheduled to speak to the program and camp committees of the Richland County Scout association, and the Leader association, Negro and white.

A meeting of all safety and health counsellors of other organizations is being planned and Mrs. Hardy has graciously consented to address them.

Mrs. Hardy, a graduate of the Georgia State College for Women, has had a wide and varied background of experience in her field. She was a student assistant in the department of corrective exercises in the Harvard school of physical education, student assistant instructor, and then associate professor in the department of health at the Georgia State College for Women.

Mrs. Hardy has also been a social worker in the Milledgeville, Georgia State hospital, and for the federal government. Her most recent position, before becoming associated with the Girl Scout organization, was that of area social worker, with supervision of 26 Georgia counties.

Raleigh, N. C., News & Observer
June 15, 1941

CAMP FOR NEGRO GIRLS TO BEGIN ON JULY 28

The Y. W. C. A. will sponsor a week of camping at Camp Whispering Pines in the Reedy Creek Demonstration Area of the National Park, located between Raleigh and Durham, July 28 to August 3.

This week will be open to all Negro Girl Reserves and their friends and will be directed by Girl Reserve club advisers under the supervision of the general secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, Miss Dorothea McDowell. The program will include all outdoor activities, swimming, music, handicrafts, worship services and dramatics.

Parents wishing information about this camp may telephone the Y. W. C. A., 8566.

Memphis, Tenn., Com'rcial Appeal
May 19, 1941

NEGRO 'Y' GOES OVER TOP

Campaign 'Victory Dinner' Will Be Held Tonight

The negro branch of the Y.M.C.A. will close its 1941 drive to raise $1500 with a "victory dinner" at headquarters, 816 Mississippi, at 6:30 o'clock tonight, L. J. Searcy, general chairman, said yesterday. About 200 fund workers are expected.

At the last report meeting a week ago the fund was shy only $213 and since that time workers have gone over the top, Searcy said. In addition to the $1500 cash already received, pledges for $1500 extra have been obtained.

Orlando, Fla., Morning Sentinel
June 15, 1941

Girl Scout Summer Program Includes Varied Activity

Both the Girl Scout cooking class at Florida Public Service and the Girl Scout sewing class at the Singer Sewing Machine Company were filled the first day of the Summer program and those wishing to take these classes in the August series are advised to register now if they are sure they will be in Orlando at that time.

Perhaps it was a little too soon after the close of school for enthusiasm to run high in the service bureau, but Dorothy Lockhart of Bundles for Britain spoke to the girls about the great need of service from young as well as old in the international crisis and explained that there is something for every age and talent to contribute to the defense program. She showed them how to make "Dorothy Bags" to hang on the foot of the children's beds in English hospitals to hold the little patient's comb, toothbrush and other belongings. As International Friendship is one of the 10 fields of activity in the Girl Scout program, the service bureau should be one of the most popular Summer activities.

The Charm School is repeating its popularity of last year and the wood-carving classes on Saturday mornings have been one of the high spots of the program.

At the annual meeting of the council last week, Miss Elenita Watson, local director, reviewed the progress of the work, the variety of activities during the past year and also reported on the formulation of new troops. Two fine colored troops have been added this year and the council has sent six colored leaders and assistant leaders to the Leaders Training Course at Florida A. and M. College, Tallahassee. One of them is a graduate of Columbia University; one of Tuskegee Institute, and two of A. and M. Every effort is to be made to give the colored scouts the fullest scouting facilities.

Miss Watson reported attending a meeting of all social agencies of the county and a survey that is being made to eliminate duplication of effort so that the money expended may cover the widest possible field and no worthy field be neglected.

Knoxville, Tenn. News Sentinel
June 22, 1941

Club Names Delegates

Ever Ready Group To Attend Conference.

Four delegates from the Ever Ready Club of Industrial girls of YWCA left yesterday to attend the Southern Industrial Girls' Conference at Camp Merrie Woode near Sapphire, N. C. The delegates are Misses Cora Mae Thomas, Ann Maglio, Bettye Roberts and Helen Gaston.

One hundred delegates from 12 Southern states will attend. In addition there will be among the guests a Chinese girl, Mexican and Negro representatives.

Among the national YWCA staff members who will be leaders are: Winifred Wygal, Margaret Hiller and Ruth Scandrett of the Department of Labor and Miss Ella Ketchin of the Children's Bureau.

Miss Josephine Abrams, Knoxville YWCA industrial secretary, will be with the group.

Raleigh, N. C., News & Observer
July 1, 1941

NEGRO GIRLS' CAMP OPENS THIS MORNING

Day Camp to Be Held for Six-Week Period at Crosby-Garfield School

The Negro Day Camp for Girls opens this morning at 9:15 o'clock at Crosby-Garfield School and Chavis Park for a six-week Summer season with Dorothy S. Lane as camp director.

The special day camp committee has Mary F. Carnage, Tuttle Center director as chairman. This camp is open to all Negro girls between the ages of seven and 16 and will be operated on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week until August 6. This week, however, it will be closed on Friday, July 4.

The program will include outdoor activities such as swimming, archery, hiking, nature walks and handicraft, using native materials. The Richard B. Harrison Library will furnish books.

Members of ths staff who reported yesterday for the training period were Vera Lewis, Lena Dunston, Annie Robinson, Sarah Rogers Speed, Hennie L. Peele, Carol Hunt, Elsie Hunt, Helen Ricks, Cornelia Haywood, Dorris Davis and Ella Evans. George Fuller will conduct special groups in music appreciation.

This activity is sponsored by the city-wide day camp committee with representatives from the City Commissioners, Community Chest, Council of Social Agencies, American Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Kiwanis Club, Civics Department of the Woman's Club, Y. W. C. A. Works Projects Administration and Recreation Commission. The Carolina Trailways will provide special transportation from Oberlin School, with the schedule of departure from the school set at 9 a. m. and from the Crosby-Garfield School at 2:20 p. m.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
July 16, 1941

COLORED GIRL RESERVES LEAVE FOR ENCAMPMENT

Girl Reserves of the Phillis Wheatley branch Young Women's Christian association, left Monday for a two-week encampment in North Chattanooga on the grounds surrounding the Spears Avenue school.

Forty-five girls qualified for the entire period, and Emarita Pitts, secretary and camp director said the number will be increased by part-time working girls who will come over week-ends and during periods off duty.

Classes in handicraft, health, leadership, hygiene, arts, recreation and development for womanhood will be taught. The girls sleep on cots in the Spears school building, and have access to the school playground and the large wooded section surrounding for hikes and nature study.

They are being chaperoned by members of the advisory and camp committees. Yesterday was used for camp organization by the committees, and activities start in routine today.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
August 2, 1941

Emarita Pitts Resigns

Emarita Lavalette Pitts, Girl Reserve secretary at the Phillis Wheatley branch, Young Women's Christian association, for the past three years, resigned her post yesterday to accept work elsewhere in September, it was announced yesterday.

She had done outstanding work with the association, and Saturday closed the fifth girls' camp sponsored by the department, at Spears Avenue school in North Chattanooga.

Early this year she was chosen the young woman of 1940, for having done the most effective work during last year for her race in Chattanooga and Hamilton county. Listed among her other community connections are the National Junior league, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

Birmingham, Ala., Age-Herald
August 15, 1941

NEGRO'S PART IN PROGRESS CITED

African Princess Tells Of Liberian Customs In Lecture Here

BY MARGARET PUTMAN

"The Negro's contribution to modern civilization has been great. First it was the workers in iron, then the folklore, where a moral lesson is always found; the inimitable spirituals, and, last, our philosophy of life, with patience and endurance foremost," said Fatima Massaquoi, native African princess, speaking Thursday night in Smithfield Court Aditorium, under the auspices of the Negro Y. W. C. A.

The "Secret Society" of her native Liberia was explained by the speaker, who related that girls are taken to school "in the bush" when they reach the age of 3. In this school they are trained by strangers who are deemed better fitted to teach them than their own parents. When they reach the age of 10 they are usually married to a mate of the parent's choosing and begin another training period in the home of the mother-in-law, where they learn the likes and dislikes of their husbands in hopes of becoming a favorite wife.

There is little crime in Africa, she said, which could be due in some measure to the fact that one suspected of crime is forced to withdraw a hot iron from a pot of boiling oil. If it burns the suspected one, he is adjudged guilty.

She said there are five organizations, similar to our civic and fraternal organizations, which embrace hundreds of members interested in bettering community welfare.

Princess Fatima is said to possess a master's degree in medicine and to have received much of her training in Germany, where her father was consul-general from Liberia.

The NYA Chorus, directed by Helen Dixon, presented a number of spirituals, which were exceptionally well done.

By Eleanor Roosevelt

My Day

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.—Yesterday afternoon the rain made the ceremony at the Girl Scouts' "Little House" a awful damp for everyone. We went out to the garden and watched the girls cook under real difficulty, but the taste of food they handed me was very good. I tasted each thing, then passed my plate along to Father Moore, who had left the Defense Advisory Committee Meeting with me to see the girls at work.

We visited all the different branches of work, saw the first-aid class in action, girls knitting, making pottery, cooking, and finally returned to the living room, where a group of colored Girl Scouts were singing charmingly. After listening to one or two songs and admiring their chart for health and morale Mrs. C. Leslie Glenn, representing the National Girl Scouts, presented Father Moore with the Girl Scout medal.

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They have given the medal this year to four men who have been of great assistance to the organization, and one of their officers has been designated to present it. In this case, since Father Moore was here yesterday, Mrs. Glenn, who had been chosen to present him with this medal, pinned it on his clerical coat.

He was really touched and came back with me to the White House wearing it proudly. Even though I gave him my plate of food, because he had worked through his luncheon hour and had had no food, I found that he was quite ready to have a cup of tea with us on our return.

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We had a very pleasant small group of people gathered together for dinner. They were shown a 10-minute film of the taking of a poll, which was interesting in showing the variety of people sampled in trying to arrive at an accurate estimate of public opinion.

Then, with the President, I went over to the Navy Day dinner to hear him deliver his speech. A little while back he had shown me both of the documents which he mentioned in it. I must say that the map was truly impressive, the boundaries so efficiently laid out and the names of the countries all changed to German.

The Duchess of Windsor is coming this morning to our Civilian Defense office and returning to the White House with me before I leave for Chicago, where I have to keep an engagement for a regular lecture.

Thursday night I shall be in New York City to speak for the Public Education Assn. The theme of their meeting is truly significant these days, for Faith in Our Public Schools is certainly part of faith in all our freedoms.

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St. Petersburg, Fla., Times
August 24, 1941

The YWCA Marches On

With Plans Completed for Stay-at-Home Camp for Negro Girls Opening Tomorrow

By EULALIE RUSINOW
YWCA Secretary

Agreed that platitudes are commonplace, still they do come in handy in an apt sort of way sometimes. For instance, everyone knows that "enthusiasm is catching," but to see it actually in operation on the fagged spirits of business girls on a warm August evening quite lifts it out of the sphere of the platitude.

It happened at the pot luck supper of the Business Girls' league and the Triangle club in the club rooms on Tuesday evening, and Christine Bauer might be labelled the motive force. Anyway, Christine, the club's delegate to the Southern Girls' conference at Sapphire, N. C., and but newly arrived home, blew in to the supper meeting brimming over with that aforesaid enthusiasm. And so it was that before one knew it, there were we all gathering in news about this one or that one some of us had known during previous sojourns at the Sapphire conference, all of which led most naturally to classes attended and speakers heard at this summer's conference. What seems to have impressed Christine deeply is the story told by a Chinese YWCA girl who asked that aspirin and quinine be made a part of any parcels sent to China. It seems these necessary commodities are at a premium over there—a single tablet costing $1.56 if and when you can get it.

Here at home these almost final days of August find Raola Namendorf, our Girl Reserve secretary, completing plans for the Stay-at-Home camp the YWCA sponsors each year for young negro girls. This year, as last, the camp will be centered in the large and airy auditorium at Jordan park which has been made available through the kind co-operation of Emil A. Nordstrom, director of the local housing authority. Leaders will be members of the teaching staff of the Gibbs high school and various elementary schools, and others interested in the welfare of the school-age negro girls. Monday is opening day.

Checkup of the business girls clubs: Besides the supper of the Business Girls' league and Triangle club already mentioned, there was a supper meeting of the Business Women's club with Katherine Gifford on Monday last. This club is scheduled to take its covered dish delicacies to Leora Lewis' home, 718 Thirty-fourth avenue south, tomorrow night.

The same checkup found that Caroline Hey, who is spending some time at Sunset Beach, has invited the Business Girls' league and Triangle club out there for their Tuesday supper this week. "Bring your bathing suits," says Caroline. The address is 129 Ninth avenue, Sunset Beach.

And from the ranks of the Triangle club comes another bride—the second within two months. It is Juanita Tull who has become Mrs. J. E. Lee, and it was in her honor that Ruth Crown and Muriel McCarthy gave a miscellaneous shower Tuesday at Ruth's home. Besides the bride, the guests included Mrs. Robert Woods (who until last June was Margaret Minkley), Julia Baker, Muriel Kohl, Clarice Rice, Virginia Talbot, Betty Berghofer, Joan Hein, Caroline Hey, Mrs. E. T. Crown and Hilda Crown.